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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2005, the below remarks are presented. Claims 1-41 are in the case. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

Record is made of a telephonic phone call by Applicants' attorney Edmond A. DeFrank to Examiner S. Ebrahimi-dehKordy on June 20, 2005. The March 18, 2005 Office Action and the cited reference was discussed. The Applicants' attorney noted that the cited reference is also assigned to the assignee of the current applicant, contains at least one common inventor, and both were co-pending on the filing date of the current application. The Applicants' attorney stated that the current specification would be amended to remove this reference. As such, the amendments to the specification reflect the discussion with the Examiner S. Ebrahimi-dehKordy on June 20, 2005.

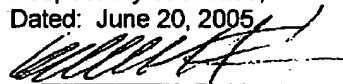
The Office Action rejected claims 1-41 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Gupta et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,826,534).

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.53, the Applicants have amended the specification to make the current case a continuation-in-part of the cited reference, Gupta et al., which is also assigned to the assignee of the current applicant, contains at least one common inventor, and both were co-pending on the filing date of the current application. Thus, the Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is moot since Gupta et al. cannot be used as a reference to reject the claims in this case.

Thus, it is respectfully requested that all of the claims be allowed based on the amendments and arguments. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. Additionally, in an effort to further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicants kindly request the Examiner to telephone the Applicants' attorney at (818) 885-1575. Please note that all mail correspondence should continue to be directed to

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